

Dear GPSA Swimmers and Families,

What an incredible 2025 season it has been for the Greater Peninsula Swimming Association! I want to start by offering a huge congratulations to our three undefeated divisional champions: the **Windy Point Piranhas** of the Red Division, the **Coventry Sailfish** of the White Division, and the **Kiln Creek Dolphins** of the Blue Division. Your perfect seasons were a testament to your hard work and team spirit.

This season, our league thrived with 17 wonderful teams bringing a total of 1,397 athletes. We deeply missed the presence of the Beechwood Sharks, as their neighborhood pool was unable to open this year. We are sending our best to the Beechwood community and hope we can welcome them back to the league soon.

A major highlight this year was bringing back the tradition of "Mini Meet," which had not been held since 2015. We successfully revived this event with the new **Summer Splash Invitational**. It was inspiring to see more than 330 swimmers participate in the event, collectively achieving an incredible 360 personal bests. For many, it was a fantastic way to cap off their season at a world-class facility like the **Hampton Virginia Aquaplex**. And for the 53 swimmers who earned a collective 63 new qualifying times, it was the perfect springboard into the championship meet today. We extend our sincerest congratulations to all participants and express our gratitude to the volunteers whose contributions ensured the success of this meet.

A season like this is only possible through the tireless efforts of our entire community. A special thank you goes to our **GPSA Representatives**, who spend countless hours behind the scenes planning meets, organizing the season with the league board, and often serving as the main coordinators for their own teams. To our **Coaches**, thank you for pouring yourselves into your swimmers. You not only teach the critical life skill of swimming but also foster a deep love for this great sport. To the **Swimmers**, we are in awe of your dedication—all those hours spent perfecting your strokes, building strength, and cheering on your teammates. And to our incredible **GPSA Families**, none of this would happen without you. Thank you for volunteering at every meet, driving to every practice, and being the best support system a swimmer could ask for. Ultimately, you all help create an environment where kids can be exposed to a wonderful sport, have fun with new and old friends, and learn what it means to be part of a team.

And now, the moment we have all been waiting for. It is incredible to see almost 450 swimmers here to compete in the 2025 Championship City Meet. To every one of you: take a moment to be proud of the journey that brought you to this starting block. Swim your heart out, race with integrity, and leave everything you have in the pool. Most importantly, cheer loudly for your teammates and show respect for your competitors.

Good luck to all, and congratulations on a fantastic season!

Sincerely,

Dan Goergen
President, Greater Peninsula Swimming Association